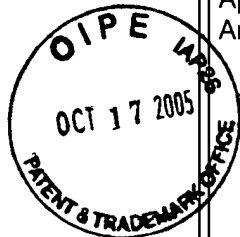


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**Response to Office Action**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated and mailed September 16, 2005, averring  
a requirement for election/restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, this preliminary amendment  
is herein submitted.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are  
respectfully requested.